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The following Food Safety Alert is being sent to you from the California Department of Public Health.

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SACRAMENTO - Dr. Mark Horton, director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), today warned consumers not to eat Huevines Confitados Sabor Chocolate candy imported from Mexico after tests by CDPH found elevated levels of lead.

Huevines Confitados Sabor Chocolate candy, manufactured by Confitados Finos Del Bosque in Mexico, is egg-shaped and has a hard white coating with brown speckles surrounding a chocolate interior. The candy is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide and comes packaged in a clear plastic bag containing 250 pieces. The bag shows a bird sitting inside a broken eggshell on the front of the package. The word "Huevines" is written in large white letters on the front of the package and "confitados sabor chocolate" in brown letters.

Recent analysis of this candy by CDPH determined that the product contained as much as 0.20 parts per million (ppm) of lead. California considers candies with lead levels in excess of 0.10 ppm to be contaminated.

Consumers in possession of Huevines Confitados Sabor Chocolate candy should discard them immediately. Pregnant women and parents of children who may have consumed this candy should consult their physician or other health care provider to determine if medical testing is needed.

Consumers who find Huevines Confitados Sabor Chocolate candy for sale are encouraged to call the CDPH Complaint Hotline at 1-800-495-3232.

For more information about lead poisoning, consumers are advised to contact their local childhood lead poisoning prevention program or local public health department.

Additional information and a list of local childhood lead prevention programs is available at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/discond/Pages/CLPPBChildrenAtRisk.aspx>

Photos of Huevines Confitados Sabor Chocolate candy are available at www.cdph.ca.gov